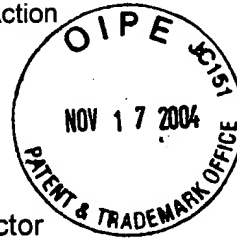


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the May 17, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants file concurrently herewith, a Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131; and a Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time. With the extension, these documents are due on or before November 17, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$980.00 due for a three (3) month extension of time, as well as any additional fee due with this submission, or credit any overpayment, to Greenberg Traurig, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1561 Reference No. 43962.010700.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.